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COCHISE COUNTY SHERIFF SEARCH AND RESCUE

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This Month in Search and Rescue

November / December 2015

11.7.15 Tech Training Carr Canyon Flag Pole

Eric and Deuce ran this training exercise. Team members had to set up two tandem lowering systems and then change over to tandem raise. Each member worked every station to include tending the stokes basket. The challenge was to ensure both ropes were lowered and raised at the same speed ensuing equal weight distribution on both systems/ropes.

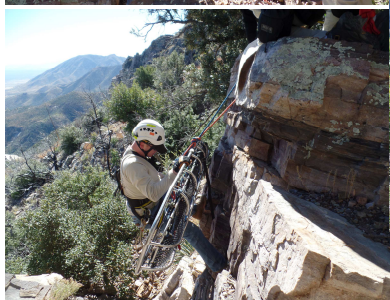


ence what happens, when you keep your feet to close together, He had a close encounter with the rock. Ouch! It was also important for the tender to



It was important both edge technician paid attention to the tender and assisted him over the edge on the lower as well as on the haul. This was

assist in the raise, by walking up toward the end, and not to depend on the system. The edge technician assisted then with the stokes. This was a great training



Manny's (2) first stokes work with the group, and he experi-

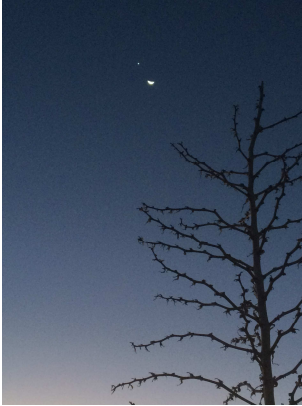


day, since everyone was able to work all the stations and also work the stokes.



Changeover to haul.





The early morning drive made for some great pictures.

***“Only by binding
together as a
single force will
we remain
strong and
unconquerable.”***

Chris Bradford

11.8.2015 Rustler Park search number ????

On this day we again looked for our two missing persons in the area of Rustler Park. We had two teams and we covered quite some terrain. One team worked their way to Centella Point, Bear Wallow Spring, and Long Park. The other team worked Flys Peak and Huachuca Peak. Both teams came across nothing during their respective 8 mile hike. Canine Cedar showed some interest in some area, but closer examination and exploration of the area resulted in nothing. It so very odd, we

cannot find any sign, no clothing, nothing even close to anything being left behind by a



human being. Top of Flys peak. We checked a Geo cash to see if our subject made an entry.

Nothing. The last entry was made in July. Walter and Roxy



taking a break. Some of the areas were still covered in frost. It never did get really warm.

11.11.2015 Overdue Hunter Pinery Canyon

This particular mission was a the result of miscommunication or no communication. The family thought the subject was supposed to be back at a certain time, not knowing he cancelled his appointment for this hunting trip. The information we received from the family the subject was supposed to hunt in the Pinery Canyon area. Deputies, who also responded to assist in the search learned the subject had planned to also

hunt in the Emigrant Canyon Area, located in the Fort Bowie area and not accessible from our location. While we diverted the responding SAR units to the location of Emigrant Canyon, David asked two of the on scene deputies to take the jeep trail toward North Fork. John stayed back and David and I were heading to a rancher to inquire further about the subject. Sgt Gjerde and Deputy Shipley actually

made contact with the subject as he was heading toward them. We would have completely missed him and looked in the wrong area and really never would have found him. The subject said he would be heading into Willcox and spent the night prior to heading back north. Thank you intuition.

11.12.2015 Injured UDA Emigrant Canyon

It appeared all our missions were on the other end of the County. This was mission number two in the Chiricahua area. The call out for this mission was in the afternoon for five UDAs being dehydrated and out of water. David and John, with Jim, were the first ones on scene with Border Patrol. Four of the subject ran from the area, leaving their buddy back. This subject was cold, dehydrated, and suffered some type of knee injury from a fall. David

is conducting some medical



assessment on the subject prior to the arrival of the ambulance.



The response to this mission was pretty good. Thank you Guys.



ISM Training for new Coordinators.

November 16 through 20 was a very exhausting week for Yvonne and John. Every day a quiz, reading after class and leaving for class at o'dark thirty. But both of them made it. CONGRATULATIONS! We had over 20 students in this class, the most we ever had.



The tables went from somewhat organized to cluttered messes as the week progressed. The different teams

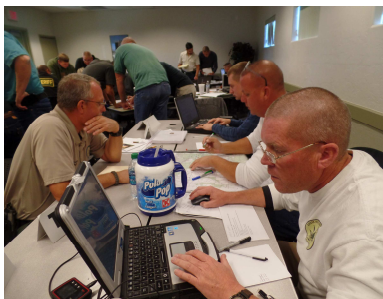


had to work a search scenario

over the entire week. Having to work up a briefing document for the next operational period. Segmenting maps. No



map looked the same, even though the teams had the same search scenario and the same maps. Maps were segmented from about 10 segments to over 50. Every day a team

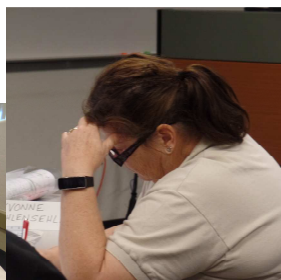


member rotation occurred. With a new incoming IC. The

Old IC had to brief the incoming, who in turn had to make the assignments in regard to operations and plans. And then



there was a daily quiz. There was no partying for this class. The class evals were quite posi-



tive. There was no "Death by PowerPoint." This is a hands on class.

"The greater the loyalty of a group toward the group, the greater is the motivation among the members to achieve the goals of the group, and the greater the probability that the group will achieve its goals."

Renis Likert



January 2016

Schedule of Events

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1.7.16 Training and Meeting 17:30 Foothills Station.

1.9.2016 Equipment inspection and re-pack. Mandatory for all. 0900 hours

1.16 & 17.16 SAR Academy mandatory for all new members 0800—?? Both days

1.21.16 Coordinator Training Foothills Station 1000 hrs

“Teamwork divides the task and doubles the success.”

Unknown

11.27.2015 Rescue Mission West Stronghold

David activated the team around 1703 hours for a female who had fallen about three miles north of Middlemarch on the forest service Rd. We were lucky, we did not get called on Thanksgiving Day as so many times before. Tombstone Fire was also activated as well as HCI, who responded to this call along with two deputies. Tombstone Fire and HCI did not wait for us and hiked up the mountain. Scott, R74, was first on scene and made it to the subject's location.

He relayed what gear might be needed for a safe extraction. However, the medics did not want to wait for proper extraction personnel and transported the female down. Apparently she had fallen about 15 feet and sustained some facial injuries. She was later flown to Tucson for



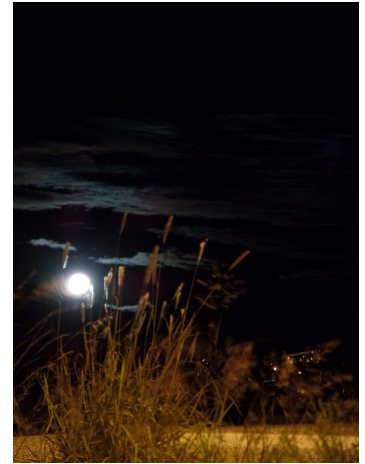
further medical treatment. DPS Ranger also assisted in the search for this female and gave air support, “sun”. They did divert momentarily, when

R20 had the little mishap on the way to the mission. All went well. And thank you guys/gals for your response.

11.30.2015 Search Imbalance Ranch Rd

David activated the team for this search mission around 2100 hours. We were asked to respond to Imbalance Ranch Rd to look for a diabetic juvenile. It turned out it was the same juvenile we looked for earlier this year. While en-route, dispatch gave an update. A citizen had called in saying the juvenile came to their house asking for help. The gave a description and the general area. Scott, R74 was first in the area with a deputy and started ATling the area. The deputy located the juvenile and brought him back

to the ranch. The kid was missing for at least two hours before we were called. One can travel quite a distance. Once we located over two miles away and the other in a housing area. Some of our folks barely made to the Foothills station or where on their way, when the kid was located. Again, thank you for responding.



***“It’s amazing
how much
people get done
if they do not
worry about
who gets the
credit. “
Swahili proverb***

12.3.2015 SAR Christmas Party

This year was not the typical potluck buffet. We made arrangements with the Texas Roadhouse and had the meal catered. Some of us brought deserts, with Andrew’s wife’s cake taking the trophy. What a masterpiece she created.



Prior to the meal being served, the Sheriff and Commander Alinen presented Deuce with the CCSO Volunteer of the Quarter Award. Well deserved Deuce. The food line was the

longest I have seen in a long time. The food was excellent, and what was left over was donated to the Forgach House. Below a note from Carol J.

The leftovers from Friday night’s Cochise County Search and Rescue party were delivered to Forgach House (Domestic crisis shelter in Sierra Vista). The woman who received the donations says back to all of us: Thank you sooooo much. Thank you Ursula for reminding me. The Sister/ brotherhood of the traveling sweatshirt appeared in the 2015 gifts. Tradition is that it may appear at another meeting before it reappears at the 2016 end of year SAR party. Loreli will let us know.



A good time was had by all especially during the Elephant Gift Exchange.



12.5.2015 CHRISTMAS PARADE SV

A good time was had by everyone, until we were notified of a body recovery approximately one half mile north east of mile marker three on Imbalance Ranch Rd in the San Pedro River. We met around 1400 hours to decorated the boat and SAR vehicles. Thanks to Dominic and Travis we did not have to wash the tech truck.



February 2016

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Schedule of Events

- 2.4.16 Training and meeting Foothills Station 1730
- 2.6.2016 Tech Training Helo Tune up and Personal Skills at the Charleston Bridge 0900
- 2.18.16 Coordinator training Foothills 1000
- Either 2.13 or 2.20 helo Requals still pending availability of helo

SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATING GUIDELINES

Mission Call Out:

SAR Members will be notified via text message of a SAR mission and with more detailed information provided via e-mail to the SAR Yahoo Group.

Only SAR members responding to the mission should reply to the text and e-mail indicating their Rescue number and approximate arrival time to the station or mission location.

Sierra Vista Substation (Foothills) requirements:

Open SAR Oil Room (equipment room)

Open the SAR Office (location of portable radios)

Start vehicles to be taken

The tech truck (#582 Primary) WILL respond to all missions.

In an emergency the tech truck will not wait and respond immediately. Secondary truck is #665.

Load all portable radios into a responding vehicle

Start a sign in sheet

Depending on the mission, wait a reasonable time for other responding SAR members (see response to mission text)

Prior to leaving ensure all rooms are locked

While En-route

Carpool in SAR vehicles, place civilian vehicles in middle of convoy, between the county vehicles.

Use headlights while in convoy

Code 3 only when authorized by a SAR Coordinator and only authorized SAR personnel.

Have radios on Cochise SAR

Lead vehicle should notify CCSO Dispatch (432-9502/9501) or via radio on SO I the SV SAR Team is en-route to the SAR mission

After mission requirements

Fuel vehicles upon return (mission and or training)

Ensure you complete the "Fuel Mission Reimbursement Form" indicating the amount of fuel used, cost of the fuel, vehicle number and SAR member name and rescue number. Date of mission and mission number.

Make sure windows are clean; radios are off, to include the lights in the camper shells.

Ensure all vehicle windows are closed

Place radios into chargers

Repack and store equipment

Lock all rooms prior to leaving the station.

March 2016

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Schedule of Events

- 3.3.2016 Training ad meeting Foot-hills station 1730
- 3.5.2016 Tech Training West Stronghold / pick offs etc 0900
- 3.17.2016 Coordinator Training Foot-hills 1000
- Tech training at Foothills—anchors, stokes, stokes handling 0900 hrs
- As always be mission ready for all trainings

12.5.215 Body Recover off of Imbalance Ranch Rd

This particular mission began back on September 19, when a female was washed away during a flash flood incident in the area of High Knoll. We have been looking for her off and on with no luck. It appeared this body might be that of our missing person. The distance the body was transported in the very swift running waters was over 20 miles from the point the vehicle

was swept away. After the parade we dismantled our decorations and headed out to the search location. Gabbi with "Cesar" and several ground pounders. The teams had walked too far north east of the location; However, Cesar with his fine nose and training was able to find the body. Great job Cesar! After the initial investigation and some further excavation of

the body, the body was transported to command post, and turned over to the funeral home. During the autopsy it was determined the remains were those of our missing person. She did have some very unique tattoos, enabling the ME to make a 100% identification of the remains.

12.7.2015 Search for Overdue Hunters Cascabel

David activated the team around 2354 hours for this mission for two overdue hunters in the area of Cascabel Rd and Three Links. David did have a cell ping of the subject's phone, but that does not mean a lot. He had also asked for the assistance of DPS Air Rescue. If it would not have been for DPS Air Rescue, the team would have never found the subjects. They were quite some way out of the search area, about 6 miles west of the search

area. The subjects were a little cold, but otherwise not injured, even though they had rolled their ATV and were trying to walk out. They had not coats, but matches and they built a fire. Seen by DPS, probably looked like a huge blow torch through their MVGs. Team members were back home by 5 am.



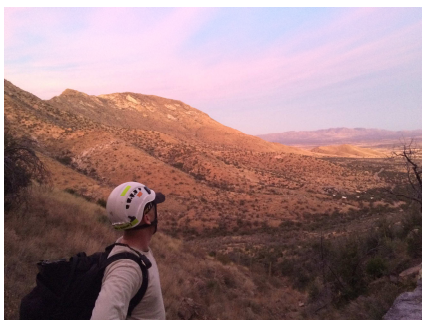
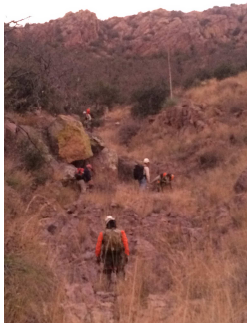
New search canine? Pretty darn cute in the Santa outfit.

12.10.215 Body Recovery Coronado National Memorial

This mission started earlier in the afternoon, but would end up in darkness. Coronado Park Rangers came across a deceased female in the park and notified us around 1500 hours. The terrain was plain awful, right up a wash approximately 55 degrees. In itself a technical extraction. The ascent with gear, was not the

easiest either. Thankfully we only used the sked and not the stokes, which would have been a bear to carry up. The ascent was not too bad, but coming down was a little more difficult, again due to the terrain and the darkness. The view was spectacular. Eric R7 acted

as a



body belay for the sked utilizing the scree bag. Some of the areas were quite hairy requiring a belay to safely lower the sked. During the descend, we had to utilize a lead person calling out the various obstacles and finding the best way down. Thanks guys and gals for a job well done. Yvonne stayed at command post and acted as the IC, Coms, Ops, etc. Missing in the group photo is Scott R74.

Our victim paid the ultimate prize trying to come to this country via the Huachuca Mountains. The temperatures and terrain are not conducive for a safe journey, especially if one had travelled many days prior to crossing the Huachucas.

12.22.2015 Almost Search SV

A subject called the Admin line instead of 9-1-1 telling dispatch he needed help, since he got his truck high centered. The location the subject forwarded was east of Golden Acres. The deputy could not find him, and at daylight I went out to the coordinates. I came across tire tracks, and two sets of footprints leading out. While Benson Deputies made contact with the ex-wife, the subject called her and asked for help getting his vehicle out.



12.27.2015 Search SRT 80 MM 390

We conducted a K9 search training exercise trying to find the driver from a June incident. The subject was involved in illegal activity and fled the scene of a injury accident and was never found. Two search dogs and five personnel braved the miserable weather and looked again. Again with negative results in locating the subject. The wind conditions were great for the dogs, but not so much for searchers. The conditions definitely tested ones winter preparedness, even without the snow in our elevation. The Chircahuas sure looked pretty.

